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REMARKS

The specification are amended to correct minor errors and improve form. No new matter

has been introduced to the disclosure of the present application. Claims 1 through 3, 11 and 12

are amended to improve form, and claims 17 through 31 are newly added to alternatively define

the invention disclosed in the application. Thus, claims 1 through 31 are pending in the

application.

In view of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, this Application is believed to be in

condition for examination. Should questions arise during examination, Examiner is requested to

contact applicant's attorney.

A fee of \$456.00 is incurred by the addition of three (3) independent claims in excess of

total 3 and eleven (11) total claims in excess of total 20. Applicant's check drawn to the order of

Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should the check become lost, be deficient in

payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit

Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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